

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS ELECTION BOARD

Carol Quinones, Chairperson (2017)
Merle Carson, Vice-Chairperson (2020)
Melissa Laughlin, Secretary (2020)

Jon Shawa, Treasurer (2017)
Alice Hughes, Board Member (2017)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Chairperson Carson

ROLL CALL

Merle Carson, Chairperson	Present
Alice Hughes, Vice-Chairperson	Present
Carol Quinones, Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Jon Shawa, Board Member	Present
Melissa Laughlin, Board Member	Present

Guests: Andrew Stitch, Tribal Citizen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by board member Shawa supported by Vice-Chairperson Hughes to approve the agenda for this meeting as written and presented.

Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 yeas 0 nays 0 abstained 0 absent

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by board member Shawa, supported by Secretary Quinones to approve the minutes of Saturday, October 10, 2015 as written and presented.

Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

3 yeas 0 nays 2 abstained (Merle Carson and Melissa Laughlin)

0 absent

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened at 4:10 p.m.

Citizen Stitch asked what the plans are for the special Election now that the Appellate Court has up-held the decision of Judge Shannon in favor of the Election Board. Chairperson Carson explained that the Election Board will be working on everything that needs to be in place prior to sending out the Call to Election for the Special Election. Citizen Stitch asked if the Election Board would be holding Candidate forums down here. Chairperson Carson stated that most likely they will only be held in this area. There will be one held prior to each election at the Government Complex. Chairperson Carson further explained that all options are being discussed.

Closed at 4:20 p.m.

Jon Shawa leaves at 4:20 p.m.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

• CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Discussion Items

- Recall Election Certification
- Budget Modification for 2016
- Special Election Budget
- Tim LaCroix
- Judy Feathers

Action Items

- 2015 Tribal Chairman and Tribal Vice-Chairman was certified by Chairperson Carson, Vice-Chairperson Hughes and Board Member Shawa per decision of the Appellate Court decision and order signed on 12-18-2015. Secretary Quinones and Board Member Laughlin could not certify the Recall Election because they did not participate in this Election process. Certification copies will be posted in all appropriate places.

Motion made by board member Laughlin, supported by Vice- Chairperson Hughes to accept the verbal report of Chairperson Carson. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

4 yeas 0 nays 1 absent (Jon Shawa) 0 abstained

Motion carried

• Vice- Chairperson

Discussion Items

- 4,564 Total Tribal Enrollments as of 12-18-2015

- 39 Total deaths 18+ from 1-1-2015 to 12-18-2015
- 8 Total relinquishments 18+ from 3-19-2015 to 12-18-2015

Motion made by board member Laughlin, supported by Chairperson Carson to accept the verbal and written report of Vice-Chairperson Hughes. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

4 yeas 0 nays 1 absent (Jon Shawa) 0 abstained

Motion carried

5 p.m. Jon Shawa returns

• Secretary

Discussion Items

- Voter registration up-date
- Special Election Process
- Information for this meeting

Motion made by Chairperson Carson, supported by board member Laughlin to accept the verbal report of Secretary Quinones. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 yeas 0 nays 0 absent 0 abstained

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

- **VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE**
1,804 Registered voters as of 12-18-2015

- **Timothy Cron**
Discussed in the Chairperson report

- **Wendy Feathers**
Discussed in the Chairperson report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- **Closed Session (Legal)**

NONE

- **Election of Election Board Officers**

Discussion on the reorganization of the Election Board Officers

- **Separation of the Secretary/Treasurer office**
- **Roles and responsibilities of each Officers Position**

Nomination of Officers

Motion made by board member Jon Shawa, supported by board member Melissa Laughlin to nominate Secretary Carol Quinones for Chairperson. Carol accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Roll Call Vote

Merle Carson	Yes
Alice Hughes	Yes
Melissa Laughlin	Yes
Carol Quinones	Abstained
Jon Shawa	Yes

Motion carried. Carol Quinones is the Election Board Chairperson

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Alice Hughes, supported by board member Jon Shawa to nominate Chairperson Merle Carson for Vice Chairperson. Merle accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Roll Call Vote

Merle Carson	Abstained
Alice Hughes	Yes
Melissa Laughlin	Yes
Carol Quinones	Yes
Jon Shawa	Yes

Motion carried. Merle Carson is the Election Board Vice-Chairperson

Motion made by Vice Chairperson Merle Carson, supported by board member Jon Shawa to nominate board member Melissa Laughlin for Secretary. Melissa accepted the nomination.

Roll Call Vote

Merle Carson	Yes
Alice Hughes	Yes
Melissa Laughlin	Abstained
Carol Quinones	Yes
Jon Shawa	Yes

Motion carried. Melissa Laughlin is the Election Board Secretary

Motion made by Melissa, supported by Alice to nominate Jon Shawa for Treasurer. Jon accepted the nomination.

Roll Call Vote

Merle Carson	Yes
Alice Hughes	Yes
Melissa Laughlin	Yes
Carol Quinones	Yes
Jon Shawa	Abstained

Motion carried. Jon Shawa is the Election Board Treasurer.

- **Meeting and Work Session Schedules**
- **Special Election**

Motion made by Treasurer Shawa, supported by Chairperson Quinones to work on these schedules at tomorrow's work session.

5 yeas Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Treasurer Shawa, supported by board member Hughes to adjourn this meeting at 6:15 p.m.

5 yeas Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

WORK SESSION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2015 at 9 a.m.

APPROVED